

Remarks

Claims 1-34 are pending.

Claims 1-15, 18-20, 24, 25, and 30-34 stand rejected.

Claims 1, 8, 13, 18, 21, 25, 29, and 30 are amended.

Claims 16, 23, and 26 are canceled.

Specification

The Specification has been amended to identify the referenced applications by Serial Numbers.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 16-17, 21-23 and 26-29 are indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form.

The applicant would like to thank Examiner Bokhari for finding the material in these claims allowable. Claim 8 is amended to include the material from claim 16. Claim 18 is amended to include the material from claim 23. Claim 25 is amended to include the material from claim 26. Claims 16, 23, and 26 are canceled as redundant. Consequently, the applicant submits that claims 8-15, 17-22, 24, 25, and 27-29 are in condition for allowance.

Additionally, claim 30 is amended to include allowable material from claim 16, similar to claim 8. Consequently, the applicant submits that claims 30-34 are also in condition for allowance.

Finally, claim 1 is amended to include allowable material from claim 21. Consequently, the applicant submits that claims 1-7 are in condition for allowance.

Following the amendments described above, the applicant submits that all pending claims in the application are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests allowance of the claims.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

Claims 1-6, 7, 13, 18-20, 25, 30-31 and 34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shenoy et al. (US2003/0223425 A1) in view of Yavatkar et al (US 2003/0128668 A1) and further in view of Macera et al. (US 5,490,252).

Claims 8-12, 14, 24 and 32-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shenoy et al. (US2003/0223425 A1) in view of Yavatkar et al (US 2003/0128668 A1) as applied to claim 1, 8, 18 and 30, and further in view of Moberg et al. (6,697,872 B1).

Claim 15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shenoy et al. (US2003/0223425 A1) in view of Moberg et al. (6,697,872 B1) as applied to claim 8 and further in view of Harvey et al. (US 2003/0140167 A1).

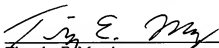
The applicant traverses the rejections. As discussed above, all of the independent claims have been amended to include allowable material. Consequently, all remaining claims in the application should be in condition for allowance.

Reconsideration and allowance of all claims is requested. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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Respectfully submitted,

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